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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 39, line 27 with the following paragraph:

Table 1 provides a summary of results with Tma endonuclease V cleavage of heteroduplexed synthetic substrates containing single base mismatches. Note that for every possible base change, there are two possible heteroduplexed products which may form: $A \leftrightarrow G$ (A-C, G-T); $C \leftrightarrow T$ (C-A, T-G); $A \leftrightarrow C$ (A-G, C-T); $G \leftrightarrow T$ (G-A, T-C); $A \leftrightarrow T$ (A-A, T-T), and $G \leftrightarrow C$ (G-G, C-C).